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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Benoit De Crombrughe *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/734,329

Filed: November 30, 2000

For: MASTER BONE FORMATION  
TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR:  
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF  
USE

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Terry Alan McKelvey

Atty. Dkt. No.: UTXC:666US

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 2, 2003, to which a response is due on January 2, 2004. No fees are believed due in connection with this response; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the appropriate fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/UTXC:666US.

**Amendments** begin on page 2 of this response; **Remarks** begin on page 11.